

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

## Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

### General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Seven murderers were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison within an hour's time.

China is preparing to establish a fleet of commercial ships for foreign trade.

Two trunks containing \$22,000 worth of opium were seized by officers at Los Angeles.

Gilr plunges 800 feet off Mount Rainier to death, breaking every bone in her body.

China has offered the post of adviser to the government to William Rockhill, an American.

Three hundred ironworkers in San Francisco, went on strike, demanding \$1 per day increase in wages.

Two chained convicts leaped from a Northern Pacific train at Whitehall, Mont., and made good their escape.

Thirty-six soldiers and 20 passengers were slaughtered by Zapatistas when a train was attacked from ambush.

President Taft will likely appoint Colonel William V. Judson, a United States army engineer, as governor of Panama.

The youngest mother recorded in medical history is an 11-year-old girl near Davenport, Iowa, who gave birth to an 8 1/2 pound child.

A mother bear stole into the Taft children's camp at Yellowstone Park at night and took her cub that had been captured by the party.

The Equitable Life Insurance company of New York will build a 36-story home on the site of the building, which was destroyed by fire last winter.

An explosion of black damp and coal dust in a mine at Gerth, Germany, caused the death of 103 miners and 27 escaped with injuries.

Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, a prominent suffragist of Washington, will be a candidate for state representative on the Democratic ticket.

Spokane has let contracts for the erection of a new \$300,000 city hall, and Eastern bond buyers have refused to purchase the bonds issued to pay for the work.

The Continental Building & Loan association of San Francisco, has been closed up by the state commissioner, who declares the institution insolvent.

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway company has given a mortgage on its property for \$200,000,000, running 40 years and bearing 6 per cent interest.

The national palace of Hayti at San Domingo, was blown up and set on fire by a terrific explosion, killing the president of the republic and many attendants and employes of the capitol.

Haytian rebels are reported to have captured the city of Hayabon, after a 14-hour fight.

A heavy bolt of lightning struck a steel tower of the Hawthorne Avenue bridge, burning out electric power wires and shocking two bridge tenders. Another bolt killed a cow at Fall View, near Oregon City.

San Francisco reports that not enough sailing ships can be had to accommodate the commerce offered, one ship recently being chartered to load barley at 18 shillings per ton, the highest price paid in 18 years.

## PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: New: Club, 76 @ 77c; bluestem, 18 @ 81c; fortyfold, 75c; Valley, 78 @ 79c; old wheat, nominal.

Mills: Bran, 25c per ton; shorts, 23c; middlings, 22c; rolled barley, 22c; hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$12.50; Valley timothy, \$12 @ 13; alfalfa, \$11 @ 12; clover, \$10; oats and vetch, \$10 @ 11.

Oats—New, 22c per ton.

Fresh Fruit: Apples, new, 90c @ 2.25 per box; peaches, 25 @ 35c per box; plums, 75c @ \$1.10 per box; pears, \$1.20 @ \$1.50 per box; apricots, \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1 @ 2 per crate; blackberries, 75c @ \$1.25 per crate.

Melons—Cantaloupes, 75c @ \$1.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1 @ 1.15 per hundred.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices. Burbanks, new, 60c @ 90c per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 65c @ 75c per dozen; beans, 2c; cabbage, 10 @ 15c per pound; cauliflower, \$1 @ 1.25 per dozen; celery, 75c @ 85c per dozen; corn, 15c @ 25c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; eggplant, 7 @ 10c per pound; head lettuce, 20 @ 25c per dozen; peas, 5 @ 9c per pound; peppers, 8 @ 10c per pound; radishes, 15c @ 20c per dozen.

Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1.50 per sack; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50 per sack.

Eggs—Case count, 25c; candled, 25c; extras, 27c per dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, cubes, 31c per pound; prisms, 23 1/2c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 10 1/4 @ 11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14 1/2 @ 15c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 12 @ 13c; broilers, 15 @ 16c; ducks, young, 12c; geese, 10 @ 11c; turkeys, live, 18 @ 20c; dressed, 24 @ 25c.

Hogs—1912 contracts, 18 @ 20c; 1911 crop, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14 @ 15c per pound according to shrinkage; Valley, 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.75 @ 7.00; good, \$6 @ 6.50; medium, \$5.75 @ 6c; choice cows, \$5.75 @ 6c; good, \$5.50 @ 5.75; medium, \$5 @ 5.50; choice calves, \$7 @ 8.50; good heavy calves, \$6 @ 6.50; bulls, \$3.50 @ 5; stags, \$4.75 @ 5.

Hogs—Light, \$3 @ 3.50; heavy, \$6.25 @ 7.50.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$3 @ 4.50; wethers, \$3 @ 4.60; ewes, \$3 @ 3.75; lambs, \$4 @ 5.25.

## STARTS CLEARING-HOUSE PROBE

Attorney-General Wickersham Investigates Money Changers.

Washington, D. C.—A collateral phase of the so-called money trust, it developed recently, is being investigated by Attorney-General Wickersham.

The inquiry, which may affect clearing-house associations throughout the country, revolves about the rule of the New York Clearing-House Association requiring its members to charge a specified sum for the collection of out-of-town checks drawn on certain parts of the country, and at the same time giving them discretion whether to make charges for similar collections in other localities.

A careful study of the workings of this rule is being made by the Attorney-General, it is said, to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust law or the National bank act is being violated.

If action is taken it will take precedent for all clearing-house associations having similar rules. It is learned that the Attorney-General may refer the whole question to the Secretary of the Treasury for remedial measures if it is found that the law is being technically violated or that the practice, while not illegal, seems against public policy.

## POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES.

Upper House Restricts Rights of Employees to Join Organizations.

Washington, D. C.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill was passed by the Senate at the end of two days' sharp fighting over propositions relating to parcels post, good roads improvement and the affiliation of postal employees with labor organizations.

As it goes back to the House it contains some restrictions upon the rights of postal employees to join outside organizations, and an entirely new system of parcels post based on the "zone plan" with varying rates for varying distances.

The measure will go into conference with many important differences to be settled. The House provided that no employee of the postal service should be subject to restriction or removal for joining an organization having for its object improvement in conditions of labor or compensation.

After a fight involving the right of Government employees to strike, the Senate approved this in part, but provided that employees should not join an organization which imposes an obligation or duty to strike or to assist in a strike against the United States. Under the terms of the bill as it passed both Houses, employees have the right to appeal to Congress for redress of grievances.

## BALDWIN RANCH IS SOLD.

14,000 Homes to Dot Late Turfman's Last Holding, Just Sold.

Los Angeles.—H. A. Unruh, executor of the will of the late Elias J. (Lucky) Baldwin, has filed final papers completing the sale of the Rancho Clevega O'Paso de la Tijera, the last of the great turfman's holdings, to the Los Angeles Investment Company, for a stated consideration of \$6,035,590. The total area involved is 214,228 acres.

One million dollars was paid in cash, with nine notes for \$500,000 each for the remainder.

The whole of the money paid will be clear cash for the heirs, Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaugher and Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, all of the debts of the estate having been liquidated by previous sales.

The officers of the purchasing company announce that the entire holding will be cut up into lots, of which it will make 28,000. Half that number of homes will be erected by the concern, construction to begin as soon as possible. The entire ranch will provide about 2500 city blocks and 900 miles of street frontage.

## Southern Pacific Sued.

San Francisco—Suit has been filed by United States District Attorney John L. McNab against the Southern Pacific Company for alleged violations of the Federal law limiting to 15 the hours of trainmen engaged in interstate commerce. In this suit, which is one of 31 to come up for trial here on October 3, it is alleged that on the line between Red Bluff and Roseville, the company violated the law by allowing a train crew of six to work from 5 a. m. to 10:45 p. m. On each count the company is liable to a maximum fine of \$500.

## Shippers File Big Suit.

Los Angeles.—What was said to be the most voluminous and heaviest lawsuit ever filed in California and perhaps in any other commonwealth went on record in this city.

It was against the Santa Fe Railroad, and the mere complaint comprised 16,000 pages of separate charges of alleged violation of the long-and-short-haul clause of the state constitution. Piled up, paper on paper, the lawsuit stood more than four feet high and required the combined efforts of several strong men to move it.

## Maryland to Carry Knox.

Seattle.—The cruiser Maryland, which is to sail from Seattle August 22 with Secretary of State Knox and his suite, who will attend the funeral of the Emperor of Japan, arrived at the Puget Sound Navy Yard from Seward, Alaska. She will begin loading coal at once and then will be painted and burnished. On August 21 she will proceed to Seattle to receive her passengers. Captain J. M. Elliott commands the Maryland and will proceed to the Orient with her.

## Slander on Woman Goes.

Milan.—The recent admission of women to the Masonic Order of Italy has caused considerable discussion as to the relation of this step to the Italian women's movement.

Signora Trovati, the well-known author of Milan, and a leading suffragist, declares that the matter is of very serious note, if for nothing else, than that it "removes the eternal slander on woman that she is unable to keep a secret."

## Rebel Attack Repulsed.

Corinto, Nicaragua.—The government troops at Managua succeeded in repulsing the attacks of the revolutionary army under General Luis Monte and Zedeno. Their victory, however, was not pronounced. The bombardment of the city was discontinued, but it is thought to be only temporary.

## The American Marines and Bluejackets at the Legation are all Well.

Telegraphic communication between here and Managua has been restored.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## DALLAS FAIR BIGGER ONE.

Second Annual Harvest Festival to Be Held in October.

Dallas.—The second annual Harvest Festival and School Fair will be held here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Dallas Commercial Club held in this city recently, and a committee on preliminary arrangements was appointed. Last year this fair was given during the hop-picking season, and this fact injured its success. However, it is believed this year that this festival will be one of the best events of the season. It will be larger and better than last year and will be advertised much more.

It is planned to have a Salem and Portland day, and to have a special train from Portland to accommodate the Portland visitors. Upon this day the Chamber of Commerce of Portland and the Salem Board of Trade will be invited to furnish some speakers for exercises to be held. It is believed that the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be interested in this, for the members who visited Dallas during the Winter with the business men's excursion were favorably impressed with this city.

The Commercial Clubs of Independence and Falls City will be asked to lend their aid this year to make this the biggest affair ever held in Polk county. The County Court has appropriated a liberal amount of money for it, and the Dallas Commercial Club has authorized an expenditure of \$1,000 to make it a success.

## AGATE CARNIVAL IS HELD.

Curry County Has Largest Attendance on Record.

Port Orford.—Port Orford's second annual agate carnival was closed with a fine display of fireworks and a reproduction of the famous Indian battle of Battle Rock on a larger scale than last year. The largest attendance was gathered in the history of Curry county. Over 30 automobiles came from Coos and neighboring counties.

Mrs. Robert McKenzie won the loving cup offered by Frank B. Tichenor, of Portland, for the best display of agates.

Mr. Tichenor suggested the idea of an agate carnival to the Commercial Club here last year which was adopted and will be made an annual feature. He has also suggested the building of an agate palace to include hall of the same material for Oregon Sons, and this has been unanimously adopted by the Commercial Club. It will be built in time for the next, or third annual agate carnival.

Port Orford has the best agate beaches on the Pacific Coast, but owing to the inaccessibility heretofore to the outside world has not known it. This year the ball game, foot races, horse races and athletic events created great enthusiasm and all agree that this was the biggest and best celebration ever held in Curry county.

## PORTERS ACQUIRE TIMBER.

Hill Line Man in \$257,000 Deal on Siuslaw.

Astoria.—D. M. Stuart, of Portland, who was in the city recently, reports that the Stuart & Ferguson Timber Company, a number of stockholders of which reside in Astoria, has closed a deal for the sale of approximately 5,000 acres of yellow fir timber in the Siuslaw River district to Johnson P. Porter, of Portland, a member of the firm of Porter Bros., who are the confidential contractors of the Hill Lines.

The consideration paid is \$257,000. Porter Bros. own about 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in the Siuslaw district, as well as a sawmill near the mouth of that stream, and this purchase is simply adding to their already extensive holdings. The Stuart & Ferguson Timber Company also owns another tract there containing 304,000,000 feet of fir.

## Medford Pears Abroad.

Medford.—Because of the great influx of pears from California, Rogue River Valley fruit growers are holding their crop as long as possible in the hope that better prices will prevail. The pears are being held monthly and under extreme heat sets in they can remain on the trees for at least another week.

The Southern Pacific is anticipating the picking and has 19 cars on the side tracks ready for immediate transportation.

One carload from the Daggett ranch has already been sent East and it is planned to forward it from here to Liverpool. This is the first time that a carload of pears have been sent abroad from Medford.

## Dallas Considering Paving.

Dallas.—An effort is being made to get the business section of the city paved with hard-surface pavement. This city has spent thousands of dollars to macadamize its streets, and nearly every street has been macadamized. However, the macadam upon the principal streets that was put in first will soon need repairing, and a great many of the citizens are urging the construction of hard-surface pavement to take its place. It is believed that next season will witness the construction of at least ten blocks of this kind of pavement in this city.

## Eugene Building Planned.

Eugene.—Decision has been reached by the directors of the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank to add four more stories to their building at Eighth and Willamette streets, work on the new foundation to begin this Fall, and the superstructure to begin with the opening of Spring. The total cost of the addition will be \$75,000.

Since the present two-story building was erected a number of years ago, the bank has acquired another lot, and the building on this other lot will be made to conform to the style of the first building.

## Albany to Help Eugene Celebrate.

Albany.—The Albany Commercial Club is inaugurating plans already for a big excursion from this city to Eugene when the Lane County city celebrates the completion of the Oregon Electric. Hundreds of Eugene people came here on July 4 to help this city commemorate the completion of the Albany-Albany extension and residents of Albany desire to join with the Eugene people in the festivities in honor of the extension of the line to Eugene.

## Deer Tame and Plentiful.

Hood River.—Deer are numerous in the Hood River valley this season. Although the season has been open but a week, hunters in the Green Point and Lost Lake regions have already killed a dozen bucks.

## WEST HAS NEW PLAN.

Legislature Will Be Asked to Name Special Board.

Salem.—Consolidation of all of the state institutions under the management of one board is a recommendation which Governor West will make to the next session of the legislature, according to a statement made by the chief executive.

At the present time the state board, which includes the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, has control of the two asylums, the state school for the feeble minded and the state training school. The governor has practically exclusive control over the state penitentiary and at the soldiers' home at Roseburg. The state school for the blind and the state school for the deaf are controlled by the state board of education, while the tuberculosis sanatorium is under the control of a special board, of which the governor is a member ex-officio and the balance are appointed from various parts of the state.

"Useless waste has been discovered in connection with the many institutions," said the governor. "This is not because the members of the various boards are wasteful, or desire to be, they are unable to be otherwise under the system. The same thing is true at the penitentiary, an institution for which I am solely responsible.

"Could the board have charge of the prison along with the other institutions there would be unanimity of opinion as to the control of these institutions which could not fail to work for their benefit.

"A unity of management is essential to gain the greatest good and efficiency for the institutions for the taxpayers of the state and I intend to put the plan strongly up to the next legislative assembly."

## PENDLETON HUSTLING.

This Year's Round-Up to Excel All Former Exhibitions.

Pendleton.—The task of building the bleachers in order to increase the seating capacity 3000, as well as an annex at each end of the grandstand which will accommodate 2000 more than heretofore, was commenced this week at Round-Up Park by Gibson & Cole, contractors. Permanent shed room, 600 feet in length, will also be provided and the corral will be considerably larger than formerly.

In the neighborhood of 240,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 shingles will be used in making the necessary changes at the Round-Up grounds, and when completed the grandstand will seat 6000 and the bleachers 15,000, or a total of 21,000. The bleachers will be 21 rows deep, instead of 12 as at present, and will be the same slant as the grandstand, with footrests. An additional row of boxes will be erected in front of the grandstand also.

The official Round-Up buttons have arrived and are being distributed; the background is white, lettering black with the "buckaroo's" scarlet shirt to touch it up. This year's pin is conceded to be more neat and effective than any Round-Up souvenir of its kind yet used.

## TROUT ARE PLANTED.

Ashland District Waters Aided By Bonneville Hatchery.

Ashland.—Under the auspices of the Gun and Rod club 50 cans of young trout, 40 of rainbow and 10 of Eastern brook, reached this city from the state hatchery at Bonneville to be distributed in streams and lakes in this vicinity, the apportionment being 10 cans of Eastern brook in Ashland creek, five cans of rainbow and a like number of same variety in the headwaters of Emigrant and Lake creeks, respectively and 30 cans in Lake of the Woods.

This shipment is but a forerunner of others soon to follow, it being the intent of local sportsmen to have the waters herabouts well stocked. The work of planting these fish was done under the superintendence of H. V. Richardson, an enthusiastic angler and nimrod.

## Acme Honors Creamery Opening.

Florence.—An all-day picnic was given at Acme to celebrate the opening of the new creamery just erected by the Siuslaw Dairymen's association. The creamery is operated by the Hazelwood company, and in honor of the occasion Hazelwood ice cream was served free. Dr. James Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, delivered an address. Attention was called to the development of the dairying industry in this valley within the past three or four years, and it is believed greater progress will be made.

## Poor Man Made Rich.

San Francisco.—Sick and alone in his poorly furnished home in an outlying section of the city, William H. Spencer, a carpenter, 60 years old, received word that he is heir to a fortune of \$48,550, left to him by Isaac Spencer, an uncle, who died recently in New London, O.

An immediate visit of the financial attorney which had overtake Spencer, attorneys handed him a draft for \$5000 when they presented him with the letter from the east containing the news of his good fortune.

## Alfalfa Meal Is Demanded.

Kansas City.—"I am told that in some cities of the Northwest feed is in such demand that sawdust mixed with molasses actually is being sold on the market for \$20 a ton." H. H. Cottrell, of Manhattan, Neb., told the convention of the National Alfalfa Meal Association.

The demand for alfalfa meal, the speaker said, has grown to such an extent in the last few years that more than 100 mills are unable to keep all orders filled.

## Ohio Mob Lynches Negro.

Columbus, O.—After holding up a fellow in the courthouse a mob of about 40 men here took T. Z. Cotton, alias T. Z. McElhenry, a 16-year-old negro, who was on trial, and lynched him just beyond the city limits. The negro was accused of killing Cedron Land, a white boy, two months ago.

## HOUSE OVERRIDES VETO

Democrats Have Bid of 21 Republicans in Vote Measure.

Washington, D. C.—By the narrow margin of five votes the House passed the wool tariff revision bill over President Taft's veto. The vote, 174 to 80, was made possible only by the defection of 21 Republicans, who voted with the democrats.

The announcement of democratic success created a wild scene in the house and amid great confusion the republican leaders protested that Speaker Clark must count as voting members who answered "pre-empted" to their names, a ruling which would have defeated the five vote program by overcoming the re-ordinance of the necessary two-thirds vote. This the speaker declined to do.

Less than an hour after the wool bill had been repassed in the house, the conferees on the sugar tariff bill met and disagreed. They decided to report to both the houses that it had been found impossible to reach a compromise between the Underwood and Lodge-Bristow bills.

The action is expected to mark the end of sugar tariff consideration in the present session and the excise tax bill, which was framed to make up the reduction of the sugar tariff, probably will remain in conference when Congress adjourns.

While democratic and progressive senate leaders believe the wool bill will be passed in that body over the President's veto, they will continue to demand action on the cotton tariff measure.

The vote on the wool bill came as a surprise to the republican leaders of the house. When they discovered that defection from their ranks was expected it was too late to pre-empt the vote. As a result the following republicans went over to the democratic camp and made victory possible for the majority: Akin, New York; Anderson, Davis, Lindbergh, Miller, Steenerson and Stevens, Minnesota; Anthony, Rees and Young, Kansas; Cooper and Morse, Wisconsin; Hansen and Woods, Iowa; Helgeson, North Dakota; Kent, California; Lafayette, Oregon; La Follette and Warburg, Washington; Norris and Sloan, Nebraska.

Not in the memory of the oldest members of the house has a tariff measure ever been passed over the president's veto by the lowest branch of Congress.

## MEXICAN TROOPS ARE ROUTED

Rebels Capture Ixtapam, Killing 300, Many Women and Children.

Mexico City.—Government troops have been defeated in a series of encounters with Zapatistas in the Yucatan district of the State of Mexico, a few miles south of Toluca, the state capital, and rebels are in possession of 21 villages in that district, according to advices received here.

In their attacks the Zapatistas are credited with displaying a ferocity rarely displayed in Mexican warfare. At Ixtapam, the town taken, 300 persons, including women and children, are reported to have been killed and virtually every building razed. Only a small number of the dead were rebels.

An encounter occurred in a canyon not far away from Ixtapam. There a detachment of 250 men, on its way to the relief of Ixtapam, was ambushed. Fighting lasted four hours, terminating in a rout of the government forces. Eight dead were left in the trenches. Ten thousand cartridges were captured.

## POPULIST PARTY IS ALIVE

At National Convention Platform Drafted; No Candidate Named.

St. Louis.—The eight delegates to the Populist National convention, at nearly six hours' argument, adopted a platform reaffirming the 1892 platform and adding a number of new planks, one of which favors the recognition of the Chinese Republic.

"We did not come here to nominate a candidate for president," said J. F. Ferris, chairman of the national committee. "We wish merely to keep our organization alive for future usefulness. The platform to be adopted is our principal object."

Ferris told about being summoned by Senator Clapp to appear before the Senatorial committee investigating campaign expenses.

"I finally begged off," he said, "after having convinced Clapp that we had no campaign funds to speak of and that Wall street had never yet found it necessary to attempt to corrupt us by big contributions to our treasury."

## Auto Sets Woods Afire.

Lakeport.—A brisk forest fire near Bartlett Springs had its origin in an unusual accident near Bartlett, R. S. Dallas, of San Francisco, was returning by automobile with his family to Lakeport, when an overheated brake shoe set fire to the gasoline tank, which was hung between the rear wheels. The tank exploded, scattering liquid fire in the dry brush at either side of the road, and the flames traveled through the brush to the timber.

Dallas and his family escaped unhurt, but the automobile is nothing but a huge cinder.

## Mare Island Gets Work.

Vallejo, Cal.—Mare Island Navy Yard received orders from the Navy Department in Washington to proceed with construction of the gunboat Monocacy, as previously directed. A contract to build the Monocacy was awarded to the Mare Island yard two months ago, but the Seattle Construction & Drydock Company, which had bid \$71,000 higher than the Government, protested on the ground that the work could not be done within the figures named. A committee of investigation was named and the orders received are the findings.

## Option Paid in Pennies.

Rochester, N. Y.—A chest containing 275 pounds of pennies is on deposit to the credit of Carl V. Stordant, a real estate man. The pennies, more than 40,000 in all, were turned over to Stordant as an initial payment to bind the sale of a restaurant. The purchaser has taken a long course of years. He made a habit of brushing all the pennies into a slot which connected with a chest in the cellar.

## Three-Million-Dollar Baby Born.

New York.—The anxiously-awaited \$3,000,000 Astor baby was born at 8:12 a. m. August 14. It is a boy and will bear the name of his father, John Jacob Astor, who died so heroically in the Titanic disaster of April 14. It weighed 7 1/4 pounds.

# CANAL FREE TO COASTERS ONLY

## Carriers in Foreign Trade Must Pay Toll to U. S.

House and Senate Agree—Clause That Might Have Violated Treaty Is Eliminated.

Washington, D. C.—An agreement on the Panama Canal administration bill was reached by the conference committee of the House and Senate, in which free passage is denied to American-owned ships engaged in foreign trade. Foreign ship-building materials are admitted free of tariff to the United States and power is given to the Interstate Commerce Commission to break up any combination of competing rail and water lines which it finds are not for "the public good."

As perfected in the conference committee, the canal bill now provides: Free passage for American ships engaged in coastwise trade. American registry for American-owned, foreign-built ships engaged exclusively in foreign trade.

No tariff on foreign ship-building materials for use in this country. Trade-owned ships prohibited from using the canal.

Railroads prohibited from owning competing waterway lines operating "through the canal or elsewhere."

One-man government for Panama Canal and canal zone.

The conference agreement will be reported to the House and Senate immediately and it is believed it will meet little opposition. In dropping the Senate amendment giving free passage to American ships engaged in foreign trade, the conference committee yielded to those who considered this clause a direct violation of the treaty with Great Britain.

Practically all the force of the Bourne railroad amendment attached to the bill in the Senate was retained by the conferees. It was a shorter one to give the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to determine whether railroads should be allowed to hold water lines and to sanction such ownership when it was in the public interest.

The railroad section of the bill is drastic and broad in the powers it confers on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It prohibits railroads, after July 1, 1912, from owning or controlling competing steamer lines, "operating through the Panama Canal or elsewhere," and gives to the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to determine whether the railroad and steamship lines are "competing carriers" within the meaning of the law.

## DRIVE REBELS BACK.

American Sailors, Guarding Legation, Take Hand in Engagement.

Managua, Nicaragua.—The insurgents under command of Generals Mena and Zedeno resumed their attack on Managua, but after a desperate fight, again were repulsed. This was the fourth day of the battle.